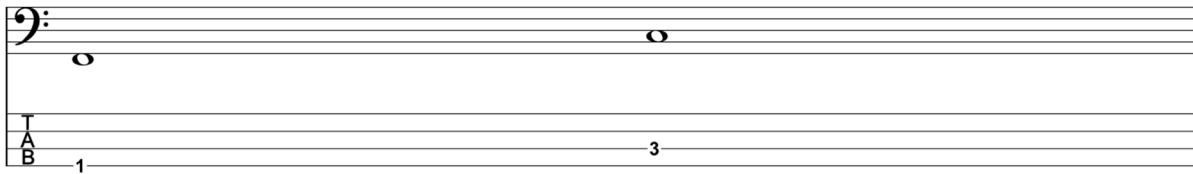


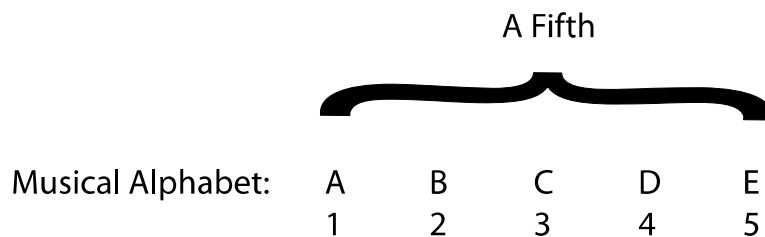
## The Fifth

Similarly to the octave, which we learned about in the first volume, the following tune will utilize another common musical pattern in bass playing called a “fifth.”

A fifth is a note that is 5 notes up from another note in the musical alphabet. The musical alphabet, as we know, goes A B C D E F G and then repeats up or down in either direction. Therefore, a note that is a fifth up from the first A in the alphabet would be E: A - B - C - D - E ← this E is a fifth up from A. The fifth is another very common musical pattern in bass playing.



Caption: a “Fifth”



The pattern for playing a fifth on the bass is consistent throughout the fretboard. It is always 2 frets over and 1 string up from any note on the E, A, or D string.

